

REMARKS

This application is a Continuation application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/842,139, filed on April 26, 2001, pending.

Independent Claim 5 is drawn to an optical recording medium that has a print-receiving layer having a pattern of concaves and/or convexes. The concaves and convexes of the claimed optical recording medium are present in the cured resin. The convexes present on the print-receiving layer are formed of the same cured resin that forms the print-receiving layer. The pattern is therefore present in an optical recording medium, such as a CD, that has not been printed on the print-receiving layer with any material such as an ink. The pattern of concaves and/or convexes is integral to the print-receiving layer.

In contrast, some prior art devices may contain patterns of concaves and convexes that are formed of inks that are applied to an optical recording medium. Different layers of an applied ink have different heights from the surface of the print-receiving layer and thereby form concaves and convexes on the surface of the optical recording medium. Where a prior art print-receiving layer does not have an applied ink and that area is surrounded by print-receiving layer whereupon an ink has been applied, a concave forms relative to the raised, inked areas. The presently claimed optical recording medium (Claim 5) is different from such prior art optical recording media because the concaves and convexes of the claimed invention are formed from the cured resin which makes up the print-receiving layer whereas the concaves and convexes of the prior art are made up of ink.

Newly-added Claim 18 is drawn to an optical recording medium that has a print-receiving layer having two or more print receiving areas each comprising a cured resin. The cured resins of the print-receiving areas have different colors. Such an optical recording medium is different from prior art optical recording media that have a printed pattern on the print-receiving layer. In the optical recording medium claimed in Claim 18 the pattern is

formed integrally in the print-receiving layer of the optical recording medium and is not a colored pattern printed on the print-receiving layer.

Applicants submit the present application is in condition for examination on the merits. Applicants respectfully request an examination on the merits and the passage of all now-pending claims to Issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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